

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

In the matter of:
Tarek H. ElGabri, M.D.

C95-335
C96-266
C96-269

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

This matter came to the attention of the Board of Medical
Licensure and Discipline, (the "Board"), by way of three complaints
filed with the Board. Complaints filed by two women alleged that
Tarek H. ElGabri, M.D. (Respondent) had sexual relations with them
during the time that they were his patients. One of them also
complained of other indecent behavior by him in his office. A
third woman alleged that she was sexually assaulted by him in his
office. She was at his office because she accompanied her son for
allergy testing. Her husband was also an active patient of the
Respondent. An investigation was authorized by the Board pursuant
to Rhode Island Gen. Laws 1956 (1995 Reenactment) § 5-37-5.2. The
Investigating Committee reviewed the complaints and the three
written denials of the Respondent. The Investigating Committee
interviewed and questioned the three complainants and reviewed and
examined the Respondent's telephone records, which were subpoenaed.

The Board also took evidence concerning gifts that were given to two complainants by the Respondent.

FINDINGS

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, through its Investigating Committee, determined from the evidence and evaluation of the presentation by the aforesaid two complainants that Dr. ElGabri did engage in sexual relationships with these two patients and, in addition, committed indecent behavior complained of by one of them. Further, the Board, through its Investigating Committee, based upon an evaluation of said third complainant, determined that Dr. ElGabri sexually assaulted the wife of said third patient while she was in his office. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, through its Investigating Committee, determined from the evidence presented to it that the continuation in practice of medicine by Tarek H. ElGabri, M.D. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Said Board, through its Investigating Committee, made that determination known to the Director of Health and advised the Director of Health that the continuation in practice of medicine by Tarek H. ElGabri, M.D. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. The Board determined that the aforesaid conduct was unprofessional conduct in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws. § 5-37-5.1.

The Director of Health has received the aforesaid recommendation, has considered the same along with the documentary

evidence, including the Respondent's written denial of all three allegations, which was part of the investigative file, and finds that the evidence in her possession indicates that Dr. ElGabri's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute an immediate danger to the public.

ORDER

In accordance with the above finding, the license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island, number MD6327, issued to Tarek H. ElGabri, M.D. is hereby **SUSPENDED** effective on the date below until further notice of the Board. The Respondent has a right to a hearing pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-8.

Patricia A. Nolan, MD MPH
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Director of Health

13 September, 1996
DATE

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the within ORDER was Hand Delivered to Stephen Harten, Esq., Morrison, Mahoney and Miller, One Old Stone Square, Providence, RI 02903 and Richard Ratcliff, Esq. Tempkin and Associates, 2400 Hospital Trust Tower, Providence, RI 02903.

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